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TOWN OF

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Reports of the

SCHOOL DISTRICT OFFICERS

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LIST OF TOWN OFFICERS

Moderator, Leon E. Hoyt.

Town Clerk, Mrs. M. D. Caskie.

Selectmen, William A. Megrath, Ernest L. Johnson, Edward J. Caskie.

Treasurer, Mrs. C. M. Lord.

Tax Collector, Rodney G. Mills.

Board of Education, Winifred C. Hoyt, C. Gladys St. John, Doris Basset.

Auditor, State Tax Commission, Municipal Accounting Division.

Supervisors, Rodney G. Mills, Arthur J. Miller, William Basset, Jr.

Road Agent—Clayton F. Foote.

Overseer of Poor, Arthur J. Miller.

Trustees of Trust Funds, Rodney G. Mills, Arthur E. Holt, Kathleen F. Johnson.

Library Trustees, Henry B. Hill, Clarence E. Farrar, Joan Bixby.

TOWN WARRANT

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

(L. S.)

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Francestown in the County of Hillsborough in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at Town Hall in said Francestown on Tuesday, the twelfth day of March, next at nine of the clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.

2. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year and make appropriations of the same.

3. To see how much the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for highways.

4. To see if the Town will vote to accept State road aid from the State to be expended on the Bennington road, and raise and appropriate $4,000 ($2,000 to be borrowed on long term notes) to procure same, the State to contribute $8,000.

5. To see if the Town will vote to allow 2% discount on all taxes paid by August 15th.

6. To see how much the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Memorial Day.

7. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate $432.15 for the Library.

8. To see if the town will authorize the Selectmen to borrow a sufficient sum of money to defray current expenses in anticipation of taxes.

9. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $400 for the control of white pine blister rust.

10. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate $62.00 to the Monadnock Region Association.

11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $50.00 to cover the 1946 audit by the Division of Municipal Accounting.

12. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of $450.00 for expenses of the fire department.

13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $325.00 to purchase a fire pump to be installed on the White truck, the firemen to add $75.00 to the above sum.

14. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the installation of a street light near the home of Mrs. Hickey on the Greenfield Rd.

15. To see if the Town will vote to accept State bridge aid to rebuild bridge No. 089/091 on the Greenfield road and authorize the Selectmen to borrow $3,000 on long term notes as the Town's share of the cost, the State to expend $4,500 as its share.

16. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to appoint a Planning board for Francestown. The function of the board to be advisory only, and its duties confined to the planning and organizing of projects for the welfare and development of the Town of Frances-

town. The board to consist of the Selectmen and one other permanent resident, and three Summer or non-resident members.

17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $900 for repairs to the horse sheds and common, provided the sum of $1,000 is raised by voluntary subscription for the same purpose.

18. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to appoint the Town Road Agent as allowed by State law.

19. To see if the Town will vote to raise and set aside as a sinking fund a sum of money in accordance with percentage allowed by law for postwar construction of roads.

20. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate $1,000 for the completion of a Town garage and tool shed.

21. To hear report of Agents, Auditors and Committees heretofore chosen and take action on same.

22. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands and seal, this 25th day of February, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and forty-six.

WILLIAM A. MEGRATH,
ERNEST L. JOHNSON,
EDWARD J. CASKIE,
Selectmen of Francestown.

A true copy of Warrant—Attest:

WILLIAM A. MEGRATH,
ERNEST L. JOHNSON,
EDWARD J. CASKIE,
Selectmen of Francestown.

BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF FRANCESTOWN

Estimates of Revenue and Expenditures for the Ensuing Year January 1, 1946 to December 31, 1946; Compared with Actual Revenue and Expenditures of the Previous Year February 1, 1945 to December 31, 1945.

Source of Revenue	Actual Revenue Previous Year 1945	Estimated Revenue Ensuing Year 1946	Increase	Decrease
From State:				
Interest and Dividends Tax	$792.37	$793.00		
Railroad Tax	19.00	19.00		
Savings Bank Tax	112.23	112.00		
For Fighting Forest Fires		25.00	$25.00	
From Local Sources Except Taxes:				
Rent of Town Hall and Other Buildings	54.00	50.00		$4.00
Interest Received on Taxes and Deposits	51.73	50.00		1.73
Income of Departments:				
Gas Tax	1,974.50	1,823.00		151.50
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	284.62	300.00	15.38	
Cash Surplus	2,081.83	2,500.00	418.17	

Sources of Revenue	Actual revenue previous Year 1945	Estimated revenue ensuing Year 1946	Increase	Decrease
Property Taxes:				
From Local Taxes				
Other Than Prop. Taxes:				
Poll Taxes				
Reg. at $2.00	246.00	250.00	4.00	
Total Revenues from All Sources except Property Taxes	5,616.28	5,897.00	437.55	157.23
Amount to be raised by Property Taxes		23,430.98		
Total Revenues		$29,327.98		

Purposes of Expenditures	Actual Expenditures Previous Year 1945	Estimated Expenditures Ensuing Year 1946	Increase	Decrease
Current Maintenance Expenses:				
General Gov't:				
Town Officers' Salaries	$769.50	$850.00	$80.50	
Town Officers' Expenses	430.34	400.00		$30.34
Election and Registration Expenses	29.50	100.00	70.50	
Expenses Audit	48.50	50.00	1.55	
Expenses Town Hall and Other Town Buildings	1,533.04	300.00		1,233.04
Protection of Persons and Property				
Damage	115.18	12.50		
Police Department	37.50	50.00		
Fire Department	645.32	450.00	95.32	
Auto Permits	16.25	16.25		
Health Department including hospitals	30.00	30.00		
Vital Statistics	1.50	10.00	8.50	
Highways and Bridges:				
Town Maintenance:				
Summer	1,503.00	1,500.00		3.00
Winter	3,109.15	2,000.00		1,109.15
Street Lighting	700.00	700.00		
General Expenses of Highway Depart.	341.95	200.00		141.95
Town Road Aid	1,416.29			1,416.29

Purposes of Expenditures	Actual Expenditures Revenue Year 1945	Estimated Expenditures Revenue Year 1946	Increase	Decrease
Libraries:				
Libraries	$574.69	$432.15		$142.54
Public Welfare:				
Old age assistance	1,053.25	1,100.00	$46.75	
Patriotic Purposes:				
Memorial Day and Other Celebrations	28.75	20.00		8.75
Public Service Enterprises:				
Cemeteries	33.99	100.00	66.01	
Parks and Playgrounds	173.85			173.85
Short Term Notes	4,000.00	3,000.00		1,000.00
To Trust funds	100.00			
Interest:				
On Temporary Loans	63.20	75.00	11.80	
Tax Refunds	73.92			
Highways and Bridges:				
Monadnock Region	60.00	62.00	2.00	
New Lands and Buildings	300.00	1,000.00	700.00	
Payments to Other Governmental Divisions:				
Special Poll Taxes to State	102.00			
County Taxes	2,457.58	2,656.83	199.25	
Payment to School Districts	6,502.00	7,609.00		
Total Expenditures	$29,286.99	$29,327.98	$5,317.69	$5,691.03

INVENTORY

Lands and Buildings		$502,309.00
Electric Plants		17,685.00
Horses	36	3,875.00
Cows	192	25,845.00
Other Neat Stock	39	3,275.00
Sheep	90	3,957.00
Fowls	7835	8,195.00
Portable Mills	2	100.00
Wood and Lumber		47,547.00
Gasoline Pumps		610.00
Stock in Trade	8	4,309.28
Aqueducts		3,300.00
Total Valuation		$621,007.28

Poll Taxes—Regular	171 at $2.00	$392.00
Poll Taxes—Special	177 at $3.00	531.00
Amount of Taxes Committed to Collector		$21,863.47
Average rate per cent of taxation for all purposes		3.36
Amount exempted to soldiers		6,350.00

STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND TAXES ASSESSED

Town Officers' Salaries	$780.00
Town Officers' Expenses	100.00
Election and Registration Expenses	50.00
Town Hall and Buildings	150.00
Police Department	100.00
Fire Department	200.00
Health Department	10.00
Vital Statistics	10.00
Town Road Aid	710.20
Town Maintenance ($3,100 Winter, $1,500 Summer)	4,600
Audit	30.00
Special Fire Dept.	1,000.00
Monadnock Region	60.00
Street Lighting	600.00
General Expenses of Highway Department	200.00
Lands and Buildings	1,000.00
Libraries	562.64
Old Age Assistance	700.00
Town Poor	50.00
Memorial Day	10.00
Cemeteries	200.00
Interest	50.00
County Tax	2,457.58
School Tax	7,344.00
Capital Reserve Fund—to be raised by taxation	500.00
Total Town and School Appropriations	$21,474.42

Less Estimated Revenues and Credits

Interest and Dividend Tax	$782.35	
Savings Bank Tax	185.00	
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	350.00	
Rent of Town Property	25.00	
Interest Received on Taxes	25.00	
Total Revenues and Credits		$1,367.35
		$20,107.07
Plus Overlay		885.40
Net Amount to be raised by Taxation		$20,992.47
Less Regular Poll Taxes at $2.00		340.00
Amount to be raised by property taxes on which tax rate is to be figured.		$20,652.47
Taxes to be Committed to Collector:		
Property Taxes	$20,992.47	
Regular Polls at $2.00	340.00	
Total Taxes—Town and Precinct		$21,332.47
Special Poll Taxes at $3.00		$531.00
Total Taxes to be Committed		$21,863.47

Comparative Statement of Appropriations and Expenditures

	Appro-priations	Spent	Balance	Over-draft
Town Charges	$3,200.00	$4,252.13		$1,052.13
Town Maintenance				
Winter Highway	3,100.00	3,109.15		9.15
Summer Highway	1,500.00	1,503.00		3.00
Library	562.64	574.69		12.05
Cemeteries	200.00	33.99	$166.01	
Monadnock Region	60.00	60.00		
T. R. A.	710.20	710.20		
County Tax	2,457.58	2,457.58		
Fire Dept. Special	1,000.00	273.07	726.93	
Land and Buildings	1,000.00	300.00	700.00	
	$13,790.42	$13,273.81	$1,592.94	$1,076.33

Financial Report of the Town of Francestown in Hillsborough County for the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1945

ASSETS

Cash—In hands of treasurer	$2,923.83	
Capital Reserve Funds:		
(a) State purpose of Fund		
Post war purpose (Town Roads)	3,300.00	
Accounts Due to the Town:		
(a) Bounties	141.50	
Other bills due Town:		
(a) (Grange rent Town Hall	48.00	
Uncollected Taxes:		
(a) Levy of 1944	574.44	
(b) Levy of 1943	805.16	
Total Assets	$7,792.93	
Grand Total		$7,792.93

Liabilities

Accounts Owed by the Town:		
Due to State		
Special $3.00 Poll Taxes:		
(a) Uncollected—due State when collected	$141.00	
(b) Collected—not remitted to State Treasurer	168.00	
Due to School Districts:		
(a) Balance of Appropriation	3,344.00	
Total Liabilities		$3,653.00
Excess of assets over liabilities		$4,139.93
Grand Total		$7,792.93

Receipts

Current Revenue:

From Local Taxes:

Total taxes committed to Collector, 1945	$21,891.74		
Less discounts and abatements, 1945	586.67		
Less uncollected, 1945	2,018.46		
1. Property taxes, Current Year, actually collected		$18,648.61	
2. Poll taxes, Current Year, Regular at $2, actually collected		248.00	
3. Poll taxes, Current Year, Special at $3, actually collected		390.00	
4. Total of Current Year's collections			$19,286.61
6. Property and Poll taxes, Previous Years, actually collected			1,436.65
7. Tax sales redeemed			146.62

From State:

8. For Highways and Bridges:	
(b) For Class V Highway maintenance	1,974.50
9. Interest and dividend tax	792.37
10. Railroad tax	19.00
11. Savings bank tax	112.23
Refund Public Welfare	6.37
Refund N. H. Forestry Dept.	9.73
Socony Oil Co. refund	4.00

From Local Sources, Except Taxes:

Rent Town Hall	63.00
18. Dog licenses	111.60
22. Interest received on taxes	65.45
23. Interest received on deposits	13.98

27. Registration of motor vehicles, 1944-45 Permits	347.84
28. Sale of Town Histories	50.00
Pistol Permits	1.50
Receipts Other than Current Revenue:	
29. Temporary loans in anticipation of taxes during year	4,000.00
35. Trust funds	100.00
Total Receipts From All Sources	$28,627.45
Cash on hand January 1, 1946	$2,923.83
Grand Total	$31,551.28

Payments

Current Maintenance Expenses:

General Government:

1.	Town officers' salaries	$769.50
2.	Town officers' expenses	430.34
3.	Election and registration expenses	29.50
5.	Expenses town hall and other town buildings	1,533.04
	Lands and Buildings	300.00
	Protection of Persons and Property:	
6.	Police dept. including care of tramps	37.50
7.	Fire department, including forest fires	645.32
9.	Bounties	86.00
10.	Damage by dogs	115.18
	Health:	
11.	Health dept., including hospitals	30.00
12.	Vital statistics	1.50
	Highways and Bridges:	
15.	Town Maintenance (Summer $1,503.00, Winter $3,109.15)	4,612.15
	Bridges	684.03
	State Aid Construction	805.20
16.	Street lighting and sprinkling	700.00
17.	General Expenses of Highway Dept.	341.95
	Gas Money	2,159.80
	Libraries:	
18.	Libraries	574.69
	Public Welfare:	
20.	O. A. Assistance	1,053.25

Patriotic Purposes:		
22. Aid to G. A. R. Memorial Day exercises	28.75	
Parks	233.85	
Public Service Enterprises:		
27. Cemeteries, including hearse hire	33.99	
28. Advertising Monadnock Region	60.00	
Unclassified:		
Auto Permits	35.00	
30. Taxes bought by town	115.57	
31. Tax Refunds	73.92	
Total Current Maintenance Expenses		$15,914.62
Interest:		
32. Paid on temporary loans in anticipation of taxes	63.20	
33. Cost Tax sale	7.64	
Total Interest Payments		70 84
Indebtedness:		
44. Payments on temporary loans in anticipation of taxes	4,000.00	
48. Payments to trustees, trust funds	100.00	
Total Indebtedness Payments		$4,100.00
Payments to Other Governmental Divisions:		
50. Special Poll Taxes at $3.00 paid to State	102.00	
51. Taxes paid to County	2,457.58	
53. Payments to School Districts	6,502.00	
Total Payments to Other Governmental Divisions		$9,061.58
Total Payments for all Purposes		$28,627.45
Cash on hand December 31, 1945		$2,923.83
Grand Total		$31,551.28

Schedule of Town Property

	Description	Value
1.	Town Hall, Lands and Buildings	$3,500.00
	Furniture and Equipment	500.00
2.	Libraries, Lands and Buildings	2,500.00
	Furniture and Equipment	500.00
3.	Police Department, Lands and Buildings	50.00
	Equipment	50.00
4.	Fire Department, Lands and Buildings	2,000.00
	Equipment	3,000.00
5.	Highway Department, Lands and Buildings Equipment	3,500.00
	Materials and Supplies	150.00
9.	Schools, Lands and Buildings	10,000.00
	Equipment	1,600.00
10.	Town Histories	30.00
	Town dump	100.00
	Total	$27,475.00

Certificate

This is to certify that the information contained in this report was taken from official records and is complete to the best of our knowledge and belief.

WILLIAM A. MEGRATH,
ERNEST L. JOHNSON,
EDWARD J. CASKIE,
Selectmen

C. M. LORD,
Treasurer.

REPORT OF TOWN CLERK

Auto Permits:			
January	2	permits	$4.99
February	13	permits	28 95
March	87	permits	191.16
April	20	permits	45.35
May	9	permits	15.89
June	10	permits	20.43
July	6	permits	11.25
August	2	permits	2.50
September	9	permits	9.64
October	5	permits	9.00
November	5	permits	6.34
December	3	permits	2.34
			$347.84

Dog Licenses:		
38 Male and Spayed dogs at $2.00	$76.00	
9 Female dogs at $5.00	45.00	
	$121.00	
Commission on 47 dogs at .20	9.40	
		$111.60
Sale of Town Histories		50.00
2 Pistol permits		1.00
Total Receipts		$510.44

Respectfully submitted,

MARY D. CASKIE,

Town Clerk

Ending Dec. 31, 1945

STATEMENT OF TAX COLLECTOR

Dr.

Levy of 1945

Warrant	$21,632.74
Added Taxes	259.00
	$21,891.74

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Paid Treasurer	$19,286.61
Discount allowed	229.98
Abatements	356.69
Uncollected	2,018.46
	$21,891.74

Respectfully submitted,

RODNEY G. MILLS,

Tax Collector

Dr.

Levy of 1944

Uncollected	$1,770.75
Added Taxes	33.00
Interest Collected	29.17
	$1,832.92

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Paid Treasurer	$1,420.64
Abatements	80.00
Interest	29.17
Uncolected	90.85
Cash on hand	212.26
	$1,832.92

Respectfully submitted,

RODNEY G. MILLS,
Tax Collector

Tax Sales Redeemed

	Tax	Int.	Cost	Total
Levy of 1938				
Charles Goggin	$25.60	$1.88	$1.81	$29.29
Levy of 1939				
Charles Goggin	$26.40	$1.95	$2.46	$30.81
Levy of 1940				
Charles Goggin	$27.20	$2.03	$2.21	$31.44
Levy of 1941				
Charles Goggin	$27.20	$2.03	$2.21	$31.44
Levy of 1942				
Charles Goggin	$19.50	$1.43	$2.71	$23.64
Total				$146.62

Respectfully submitted,

RODNEY G. MILLS,
Tax Collector

Levy of 1944

Tax Sales

	Tax	Int.	Cost	Total
Alden R. Udall	$115.57	$6.77	$2.21	$124.55

Respectfully submitted,

RODNEY G. MILLS,

Tax Collector

FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE TOWN OF FRANCESTOWN

For the Fiscal Year ending December 31, 1945

Receipts

Balance in Treasury Jan. 1, 1945		$4,331.60
Rodney G. Mills, Collector:		
Collector of Tax List, 1944, Reg. Polls	$6.00	
Collector of Tax List, 1944, Spec. Polls	9.00	
Collector of Tax List, 1944, Prop. Taxes	450.54	
Collector of Tax List, 1944, Interest	.52	
		466.06
Collector of Tax List, 1945, Reg. Polls	28.00	
Collector of Tax List, 1945, Spec. Polls	42.00	
Collector of Tax List, 1945, Prop. Taxes	31.85	
Collector of Tax List, 1945, Interest	.12	
		101.97
Collector of Tax List, 1944 Reg. Polls	2.00	
Collector of Tax List, 1944, Spec. Polls	3.00	
Collector of Tax List, 1944, Prop. Taxes	148.83	
Collector of Tax List, 1944, Interest	3.30	
		157.13
Collector of Tax List, 1945, Reg. Polls	144.00	
Collector of Tax List, 1945, Spec. Polls	222.00	
Collector of Tax List, 1945, Prop. Taxes	11,027.34	
		11,393.34

Collector of Tax List, 1945, Spec. Polls	3.00	
Collector of Tax List, 1945, Prop. Taxes	837.26	
Collector of Tax List, 1944, Reg. Polls	5.00	
Collector of Tax List, 1944, Spec. Polls	12.00	
Collector of Tax List, 1944, Prop. Taxes	505.23	
Collector of Tax List, 1944, Interest	11.40	
		1,373.89
Collector of Tax List, 1945, Reg. Polls	16.00	
Collector of Tax List, 1945, Spec. Polls	33.00	
Collector of Tax List, 1945, Prop. Taxes	2,221.25	
Collector of Tax List, 1945, Other	201.99	
Collector of Tax List, 1944, Prop. Taxes	174.16	
Collector of Tax List, 1944, Interest	8.94	
		2,655.34
Collector of Tax List, 1945, Reg. Polls	14.00	
Collector of Tax List, 1945, Spec. Polls	21.00	
Collector of Tax List, 1945, Prop. Taxes	1,468.02	
		1,503.02
Collector of Tax List, 1945. Reg. Polls	42.00	
Collector of Tax List, 1945, Spec. Polls	66.00	
Collector of Tax List, 1945, Prop. Taxes	2,752.37	
		2,860.37

Collector of Tax List, 1945, Reg. Polls	30.00	
Collector of Tax List, 1945, Spec. Polls	45.00	
Collector of Tax List, 1945 Prop. Taxes	336.48	
Collector of Tax List, 1944, Spec. Poll	3.00	
Collector of Tax List, 1944, Interest	4.89	
		419.37
State Treasurer:		
Gasoline Tax		$1,974.50
State Dept. Public Welfare:		
Refund I. W. Richardson		6.37
Souhegan National Bank:		
Loans		4,000.00
Rent of Town Hall:		
Mary E. Miller	24.00	
Gladys Vadney	51.00	
		75.00
Trust Funds:		
Eva Smith Chandler Lot		100.00
Improvement Society:		
Contribution (One-half the expenses of new flag pole)		62.50
Forestry and Recreation Dept.:		
Refund		95.73
Socony Oil Co.:		
Rebate		4.00
Selectmen:		
Interest (Treasurer's error)		13.98

Clerk:		
Auto permits	345.86	
Dog licenses	111.60	
Sale of Town Histories	55.00	
Fees from candidates for office	4.00	
Pistol permits	1.50	
		517.96
Total Receipts		$32,112.13
Total Payments		$29,188.30
Balance in Treasury, Jan. 1, 1946		$2,923.83

Respectfully submitted,

C. M. LORD,

Treasurer

Ending Dec. 31, 1945

REPORT OF SELECTMEN

Most of the projects authorized at the Town Meeting last year have been completed or are underway in spite of the scarcity of labor and high costs that have prevailed.

Painting and repairing the Town Hall has been completed and the property, aside from necessary inside improvements and the foundation, is in good shape. A considerable amount of work has been done on the highways and bridges. Land has been purchased for the new Town garage and tool shed. Work has continued at the new Fire Station and the new heating equipment is to be installed soon. The town tractor and snowplow has had a much needed thorough overhauling and is now in good shape. With the cooperation of the Francestown Academy Trustees and the officers of the Francestown Improvement Society, Inc. records have been worked out clearly establishing town ownership of the Town Hall building and all of its contents. For future reference copies of these records are printed on following pages. Government sale of surplus materials is being followed and action on the voted purchase of a town truck and grader will be taken as opportunity permits.

Unusual Expenses

During the year we have encountered some rather large and unexpected expenditures not planned for in the budget. For example — due largely to the unusual amount of timber trucked out of town this year, it has been necessary to completely rebuild, or in other cases to replank, nine bridges. This has cost approximately $900. The town tractor was in such bad condition after the hard use of last winter it was deemed unwise to go into the 1945-46 winter without having it overhauled. This was done at a cost of approximately $1,000. The town hall painting job cost much more than

figured two years ago. This was due largely to neglect in former years. The building needed paint so badly it was necessary to apply as many as four coats of paint on some sides to get coverage. This added expense through neglect is not good business but must be faced until town properties are again in shape. The same condition prevailed on the town tractor. Nothing had been done on it in the six years since its purchase. No piece of machinery getting such hard use can be expected to perform well unless taken care of regularly, and that is the intent of your present board. We do not want these unnecessary expenses that upset plans on new projects that are much more desirable.

Town Hall Ownership

Last year it was voted to instruct the selectmen to work out records clearly establishing legal ownership of the town common land and the town hall building and its contents. Deed to the land of the town common is now properly recorded and a copy of the record is in the town safe for reference. Ownership of the building and its contents has also been clearly established as the following copies of records made during the year will show. Originals of the following are also in the town safe for reference:

Agreement from Francestown Academy Trustees

Francestown, N. H.,
October 8, 1945

This is to certify that the Francestown Academy Corporation through its Trustees has relinquished all ownership or jurisdiction (if any existed) of the Academy rooms, the eagle and the bell in the Town House and turned the same over to the Town.

LEVI M. BIXBY,
EDMUND H. NUTTING,
FRED A. PETTEE,
DELL F. NUTTING,
FIDELIA C. BIXBY,
Trustees.

Selectmen's Reply to Academy Trustees

Francestown, N. H.,
October 22, 1945

Mr. Fred A. Pettee, Sec.
Trustees Francestown Academy Corp.
Francestown, N. H.

Dear Mr. Pettee:

This is to acknowledge your letter of October 8, 1945, signed by all members of the board of trustees of the Francestown Academy Corp. in which the Corporation through its trustees relinquishes to the Town of Francestown all claims and rights in the Town Hall, its rooms, the eagle and the bell.

The Selectmen would like to take this opportunity to most heartily thank all of the trustees for their gracious and helpful cooperation in clarifying the Town records, so that, in the future, there may be no question that the Town owns completely and accepts full responsibility for the entire Town Hall building.

We are sure all residents of Francestown will appreciate the generous community spirit shown by this action of your board of Trustees.

Yours very truly,

WILLIAM A. MEGRATH,
ERNEST L. JOHNSON,
EDWARD A. CASKIE,
Selectmen of Francestown.

The Francestown Improvement Society, Inc., has also sold to the town for the sum of $1, which has been paid completing the sale, all furniture, fixtures and rights in the Town Hall building formerly held by the Society. Following is a copy of the bill of sale completing the records establishing entire ownership by the town.

KNOW ALL MEN BY THE THESE PRESENTS

That the Francestown Improvement Society, Inc., a voluntary association of the Town of Francestown, New Hampshire, at a meeting duly and regularly called and held on the 12th day of October, 1945.

VOTED that the President of this Association be and he hereby is authorized for and in the name and on behalf of this Association to grant, sell, assign and transfer to the Inhabitants of Francestown, otherwise called and hereinafter referred to as "the Town of Francestown," all its title and interest in and to the furniture, household goods, dishes, silverware and other personal property and fixtures owned by it and which are now at the Town Hall in said Francestown, New Hampshire. And the said President is hereby authorized and directed to execute and deliver for and in the name and on behalf of this Association an assignment and bill of sale and such other instruments as he shall think proper, assigning and transferring to the Town of Francestown all such property.

NOW, THEREFORE, the said Francestown Improvement Society, Inc. for and in consideration of the sum of one dollar ($1.00) and other valuable consideration to it paid by the Town of Francestown, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, does hereby grant, sell, assign, transfer and deliver unto the Town of Francestown, its successors and assigns, said furniture, household goods, dishes, silverware and other personal property and fixtures which are now at said Town Hall.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD all and singular the said goods and chattels to the Inhabitants of the Town of Francestown, their successors and assigns to their own use forever.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the Francestown Improvement Society, Inc. has caused these presents to be executed in its name and on its behalf by Carl G. Freese, its President thereunto duly authorized, on this 31st day of December, 1945.

For the Francestown Improvement Society, Inc.

CARL G. FREESE,

President.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

County of Hillsborough, ss.

On the 31st day of December, 1945, the Francestown Improvement Society, Inc., by Carl G. Freese, its President and agent for this purpose duly authorized, appeared and acknowledged the foregoing instrument by it signed to be its free act and deed.

ERNEST L. JOHNSON,
Justice of the Peace.

Town Garage and Tool Shed

During the year land located on the turnpike was purchased from Mr. Arthur E. Holt as a site for this building. It has already proven a wise investment for it contains gravel suitable for road use. A considerable quantity was used from this lot during the past summer. The timber and lumber in the old Balch barn was purchased at a reasonable cost—and drawn to the lot for later use in building the garage and tool shed. An article is in the 1946 warrant for what we hope is sufficient money to complete this building where town equipment may be stored properly.

Town Roads

More improvement work was done last summer on town maintained roads than has been done for some time. This was made possible through cooperation with the State Highway Department and the fact that TRA road money had accumulated for two previous years. With the use of State equipment several long stretches of road were regraded, widened and newly graveled in a manner giving the town far more improved road for its expenditure than would be possible in any other way. We were well satisfied with the cooperation extended through the State highway department in this work. New road work with State Aid funds must

be confined to the Bennington road until that is completed. Under the state law our town is not entitled to any more Town Road Aid money until that road has been completed. An article is included in the warrant covering that work.

Snow removal cost is running too high and will until such time as we have a town truck-snowplow to take care of main roads at higher speed than is possible with the tractor. If we can secure the truck before another winter we can well expect both improvement in snow removal and lower costs.

Tax Rate and Valuations

Again this year, although there have been some unusual and large expenses not planned for in the annual budget, your selectmen have considered it wise to continue a "pay-as-you-go" policy. Consequently the town is still free from any outstanding indebtedness other than current bills. To accomplish this three things have been necessary, (1) further equalization of valuations, (2) higher tax rate, and (3) some rearrangement of budgeted expenditures.

This year we have carried on the program started last year of equalizing valuations on similar properties within the town. As has been previously reported unequal valuations had existed on many pieces of property. A correction of this unfair situation has produced in some cases a loss of tax revenue, in other cases an increase which was needed. This work should be continued.

The 1945 tax rate was necessarily higher than the previous year because of higher costs and appropriations. We may take some satisfaction from the fact that our rate (in a debt-free town) was within two cents of the average for all towns in Hillsborough County. And our rate was lower than most of our neighboring towns—adjoining towns operating under similar conditions having rates as high as $3.90 and $4.13 per hundred. Unfortunately we have lost a fairly sizable amount of valuation during the past year in the large

amount of timber cut and taken out of town. This will be reflected in our future rates. Consequently in planning for some of the necessary expenditures for next year, we have as you will see by the warrant, suggested some long time financing. Much as we dislike borrowing for town expenditures, for those necessary improvements that will reduce our annual costs over the long pull, it seems the desirable thing to do. This will enable us to go along with the state departments and complete such things as the bridge on the Greenfield road and the Bennington road putting them in shape so the state will take over their maintenance, relieving us of that annual expense.

Francestown Planning Board

The coming post-war years, with the return of many young people to our town, are years in which we have every right to expect many developments and improvements. To accomplish this will however require considerable careful planning involving more time than most individuals can devote to it. On the other hand, collectively a group can and will do much for our town. It is to get such an organized group thinking and working for the future development of Francestown that an article has been put in the warrant, which if approved will establish such a board with advisory functions only. Remembering that our summer residents (who pay such a liberal share of our taxes) are thoroughly interested in the community and are always ready to do much for it, it is recommended that they be part of this work. They can and will do much for the good of the town. Only careful planning will bring about greater activity and development in our town. We believe now is the time to start building the type of active live community we all like to live in and that, Francestown can be.

WILLIAM A MEGRATH,
ERNEST L. JOHNSON,
EDWARD A. CASKIE,
Selectmen of Francestown.

DETAILED STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS

Town Officers' Salaries:		
William A. Megrath	$150.00	
Ernest L. Johnson	150.00	
Edward J. Caskie	150.00	
Mary D. Caskie, Town Clerk	60.00	
C. M. Lord, Town Clerk and Treasurer (3 months)	54.50	
C. M. Lord, Treasurer	40.00	
Leon E. Hoyt, Moderator	5.00	
Rodney G. Mills, Tax Collector ..	100.00	
A. J. Miller, Overseer of Poor 1944	30.00	
A. J. Miller, Overseer of Poor 1945	30.00	
		$769.50
Town Officers' Expenses:		
F. H. Colburn Co., supplies	$5.91	
N. H. Assessors Asso., dues	8.00	
Edson C. Eastman Co., supplies ..	50.63	
C. M. Lord, supplies and postage	7.92	
E. L. Johnson, telephone	19.86	
E. L. Johnson, postage	.21	
E. L. Johnson, records	10.00	
Registry of Deeds, copy deed	1.31	
Transcript Printing Co., ballots ..	3.00	
Clark Press, Town reports	187.50	
Donat Corriveau, registry of Probate	.30	
C. F. Clark, bonds	73.50	
Sargent Bros., tax and blanks and bills	13 30	
Wm. A. Megrath, telephone	5.47	

Rodney G. Mills, deposit box and postage	8.60	
Mary D. Caskie, permits and postage	27.63	
		$430.34

Election and Registration:

Don E. Hoyt, election	$12.00	
Clark Press, ballots	8.00	
A. J. Miller, supervisor	3.50	
Rodney G. Mills, supervisor	6.00	
		$29.50

Town Hall:

Public Service, lights	$36.88	
F. H. Colburn Co., supplies	1.07	
Hopkins Bros. & Belcher, coal	56.01	
Gladys Vadney, janitor 2 yrs. & brush	66.00	
Edwin Reed, labor	6.40	
Levi M. Bixby, insurance	75.00	
W. W. Adrian, repairs	15.00	
R. Cuddeihy, cleaning chimney	6.00	
Wm. Lord, brush	5.00	
Fred Chancey, painting	1,143.86	
Osgood Construction Co., lock	32.50	
Rodney G. Mills, cleaning	25.75	
Wm. Lord, wood	51.00	
H. E. Wilson, slab wood	10.00	
E. L. Johnson, lock, keys, window catches	2.54	
		$1,533.04

Police Dept.:		
A. J. Miller, care of tramps	$4.50	
Victor L. White, police duty	33.00	
		$37.50
Fire Dept.:		
Special appropriation:		
Thomas Stewart, labor	$37.60	
Edwin Reed, labor and lumber ...	161.47	
Carl Cilley, repairs	74.00	
		$273.07
Public Service, lights	$15.89	
A. E. Holt, rent	5.00	
Hafeli Fuel Co., oil	5.97	
State of N. H., new equipment ...	136.58	
V. L. White, fire tool express	1.93	
State of N. H. Firemen's Ass., dues	11.50	
Saltmarsh, coal	32.17	
W. W. Adrian, wiring	41.82	
Craigin & Sons, repairs	.50	
Home Maintenance Service, repairs	22.14	
Levi M. Bixby, insurance	31.25	
Clayton Upton, batteries	64.00	
A. J. Miller, labor	1.50	
Wm. Lord, trucking	2.00	
		$372.25
		$645.32
Damage by dogs:		
C. M. Lord, dog license fees	$1.20	
E. C. Eastman Co., tags	1.55	
Hob & Nob Farm, damage	100.00	
Henry Gervais, damage	12.43	
		$115.18

Bounties:		
Walter A. Donnell	$2.50	
E. L. Johnson	12.50	
Wm. A. Megrath	28.50	
Wm. Lord	8.00	
E. J. Caskie	34.50	
		$86.00
Health Dept.:		
Joe Quinn, cleaning dump	15.00	
	15.00	
		$30.00
Vital Statistics:		
C. M. Lord	$1.50	
Town Maintenance:		
C. F. Foote, Road Agent Summer Highway	$1,503.00	
C. F. Foote, Road Agent Winter Highway	3,109.15	
		$4,612.15
Gas Money:		
T. R. A.		$2,159.80
Street Lighting:		
Public Service Co.		$700.00
General Expense:		
Insurance on Tractor	$53.55	
Road signs	4.50	
Bridge Plank	259.66	
C. F. Foote, tools	24.24	
		$341.95
Trust Funds:		
J. H. Chandler fund		$100.00

Libraries:		
Appropriation		$574.69
Old Age Assistance:		
State of N. H.		$1,053.25
Memorial Day:		
Eagle Fireworks Co., flags	$18.75	
A. E. Holt	10.00	
		$28.75
Cemeteries:		
A. E. Holt		$33.99
Taxes bought by Town:		
Rodney G. Mills		$115.57
Cost of Tax Sales:		
Rodney G. Mills		$7.64
Interest:		
Souhegan Nat. Bank Interest on temporary loans	$56.43	
Rodney G. Mills, Int. on tax sales	6.77	
		$63.20
State Aid Construction:		
State of N. H.		$1,416.29
Bridges:		
C. F. Foote, Road Agent		$684.03
Tax Refunds:		
Paul C. Rockwood	$26.88	
Levi M. Bixby	23.52	
Marion Vose	23.52	
		$73.92

Lands and Buildings:		
A. E. Holt, land	$100.00	
Thomas Stewart, lumber	200.00	
		$300.00
Indebtedness Payments:		
Hillsboro County Tax	$2,457.58	
School District	6,502.00	
Souhegan Nat. Bank, loans	4,000.00	
		$12,959.58
Recreation:		
Southwestern Express, flag pole	$25.00	
E. H. Edwards, setting pole	25.00	
Eagle Fireworks, flag	13.75	
C. H. Craigin, irons for pole	1.50	
Daniel Marr & Son, flag pole	108.60	
Monadnock Region, advertising ..	60.00	
		$233.85
Special Poll Taxes:		
State of N. H., special poll tax		$102.00
Total Payments		$29,238.54

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Summer Highways:

Labor:

Clayton F. Foote	$286.69
Clifton Foote	11.10
Lester Foote	239.82
Charles Champagne	267.58
William Stone	184.71
Charles Hale	10.61
Andrew C. Cook, Jr.	5.00

Truck:

Clayton F. Foote	$260.00
Gunnar Peterson	18.00

Gravel:

Gunnar Peterson	$2.25
Clarence Edwards	1.00
A. E. Holt	1.40

Gas and Supplies:

B. H. Dodge	$2.90
Daniels Garage	53.57
C. F. Clark	76.28
Collector of Internal Revenue	76.80
	$1,497.71
Cash on hand	$2.29

Winter Highway:

Labor:

Clayton F. Foote	$479.67
Lester Foote	173.12

Wallace Dustin	6.00
Harry Varnum	5.40
Clifton Foote	67.60
Clayton Hobbs	261.85
Clarence Edwards	21.40
Sidney Doyle	17.50
William Basset	117.70
Thomas Stewart	131.82
Bernice St. John	3.00
Olive Colburn	1.80
George St. John	11.40
Armidaus St. John	50.50
Charles Hale	34.70
Charles Champagne	198.99
William McLine	113.90
Charley Murdo	6.60
Harry Hill	5.40
Robert St. John	28.80
William Cole	109.10
William Stone	13.96
Truck:	
Clayton Foote	$498.70
Gas, Oil & Supplies:	
C. H. Cragin & Son	$10.65
C. F. Clark	104.36
A. E. Holt	58.88
Socony Vacuum Oil Co.	34.40
Daniels Garage	74.34
I. H. Vadney	52.95
Clark & Wilcox	227.15
Union Welding Co.	127.00
Total	$3,053.64

Gas Mainly & Bridge Repairs:

Labor:

Clayton F. Foote	$330.22
Lester Foote	162.68
Charles Champagne	257.74
William Stone	288.46
James Brock	15.00
William Basset	5.00
Jimmy Champagne	2.00
Billy Champagne	1.00

Truck:

Clayton Foote	$284.00
George Houghton	20.00
Sidney D. Livingstone	18.19

Gas, Oil & Supplies:

A. E. Holt	$36.05
C. H. Cragin & Son	24.24
W. A. Creighton	2.00
Daniels Garage	17.73
Hume Pipe Co. of N. E. Inc.	20.40
Ray Road Equipment	22.88
R. L. Files & H. J. O'Keefe	18.78
C. F. Clark	55.21
William Stone, Bridge Stringers	10.00
Gladys St. John, Bridge Stringers	15.00
James Brock, Bridge Stringers	35.00
Internal Revenue	22.80
Bank charges	7.35
	$1,671.73

$1,100.00 Gas money
570.27 Bridge Repairs

GEORGE HOLMES BIXBY MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Cash Receipts for 1945

Jan. 1	Cash on hand	$107.91
Jan. 2	Interest for ½ year from Manning & Clark fund	10.25
Mar. 1	Interest on Alison Bixby Hill fund	18.75
Apr. 11	Town Appropriation	100.00
June 6	Town Appropriation	300.00
June 6	Curtis Publishing Co.	6.00
July 11	Interest from Village Improvement Society	25.69
July 11	Interest for ½ year from Manning & Clark fund	10.25
Sept. 7	Interest on Alison Bixby Hill fund	18.75
Nov. 27	Town Appropriation (1944)	12.05
Dec. 14	Town Appropriation	162.64
	20 Added to agree with bank statement	46.90
		$819.19
	Cash Expenditures	—775.37
	Cash on hand Dec. 31, 1945	$43 82

Respectfully submitted,

CLARENCE E. FARRAR,
JOAN BIXBY,
HENRY BIXBY HILL,
Trustees

Cash Expenditures 1945

			Check No.
Feb. 7	Caroline M. Lord (Salary)	$31.30	249
Feb. 7	Rodney G. Mills (Wages)	16.00	250
Feb. 7	Better Homes and Gardens	3.00	251
Feb. 7	Readers' Digest	5.00	252
Feb. 7	Curtis Publishing Co.	6.00	253
Feb. 7	Cosmopolitan	3.50	254
Feb. 7	Personal Book Shop	7.45	255
Feb. 21	American Home	5.00	256
Feb.	Bank charges for February	.35	
Mar.	Bank charges for March	.35	
Apr. 18	Scientific American	7.00	257
Apr. 18	Caroline M. Lord (Salary)	30.50	258
Apr. 18	Caroline M. Lord (E. Champagne—cleaning)	1.50	259
Apr. 18	Caroline M. Lord (books)	3.00	260
Apr. 18	H. R. Huntting Co.	3.66	261
Apr. 18	Personal Book Shop	8.23	262
Apr. 25	Rodney G. Mills (Wages)	14.50	263
Apr.	Bank charges for April	.20	
Apr. 18	Check book	.10	
May 2	Caroline M. Lord (Salary)	14.00	264
May 2	Personal Book Shop	19.63	265
	Bank charges for May	.30	
June 6	Curtis Publishing Co.	6.00	266
June 6	Life	8.50	267
June 6	Caroline M. Lord (Salary)	15.00	268
June 6	Caroline M. Lord (outside help cleaning)	2.50	269
June 6	Manchester Paint & Wallpaper Co.	26.94	270
June 6	Fred Chancey	203.66	271
June 6	Personal Book Shop	20.14	271
June	Bank charges for June	.15	
July 11	Yankee Magazine	2.00	272

			Check No.
July 11	Caroline M. Lord (Salary)	16.50	273
July 11	Rodney G. Mills (Wages)	12.50	274
July 11	Popular Science	2.50	275
July 11	Personal Book Shop	1.67	276
July 28	The American Girl	3.00	277
	Bank charges for July	.20	
Aug. 7	Caroline M. Lord (Salary)	14.00	278
Aug. 7	Joan Bixby (cleaning supplies)	4.75	279
	Bank charges for August	.30	
Sept. 5	Caroline M. Lord (Salary)	15.00	280
Sept. 5	Nat. Geographic Soc.	3.50	281
Sept. 5	Personal Book Shop	7.88	282
Sept. 5	Mrs. Clayton Foote (cleaning)	5.20	283
	Bank charges for Sept.	.20	
Oct. 3	Caroline M. Lord (Salary)	16.50	284
Oct. 3	Personal Book Shop	11.55	285
	Bank charges for Oct.	.35	
Nov. 7	Wm. A. Lord (Wood)	68.00	286
Nov. 7	Caroline M. Lord (Salary)	15.00	287
Nov. 7	Goodman's Book Store	9.37	288
Nov. 7	Personal Book Shop	3.30	289
Nov. 7	Rodney G. Mills (Wages)	6.00	290
	Bank charges for Nov.	.40	
Dec. 20	The Book Nook	15.22	291
Dec. 20	Goodman's Book Store	9.00	292
Dec. 20	Caroline M. Lord (Salary)	14.00	293
Dec. 31	Personal Book Shop	12.73	294
Dec. 31	Goodman's Bookstore	15.94	295
Dec. 31	Caroline M. Lord (Salary)	16.50	296
Dec. 31	Rodney G. Mills (Wages)	8.50	297
	Bank charges for Dec.	.35	
		$775.37	

Budget 1946

Librarian's Salary	$192.50
Janitor's Salary	57.50
Cleaning Library	50.00
Books	100.00
Periodicals	50.00
Supplies (postage, stationery, ink, etc.)	10.00
Fuel	82.00
	$542.00
Repairs to ceiling	35.00
Painting front door	10.00
Alteration for closets	15.00
	$60.00
Budget	$602.00

Expected Income

Doll money from Francestown Improvement Society	$48.03
Mary Manning fund	20.00
Francestown Improvement Society special fund	20.00
Arthur Clark fund	.50
Alison Bixby Hill fund	37.50
Cash on hand	43.82
Funds available	$169.85
Appropriation needed from town	$432.15

REPORT OF LIBRARIAN

January 1, 1945 to December 31, 1945

Fine money:		
Received from fines	$22.59	
Received from sale of old books, etc.	1.80	
On hand, Jan. 1, 1945	.28	
Total receipts		$24.67
Paid for supplies	1.95	
Paid for books (12)	17.66	
Paid for postage	4.77	
		24.38
Balance on hand Dec. 31, 1945		$.29
Books circulated during the year:		
Fiction	1,234	
Non-fiction	654	
Juvenile	1,563	
Total books		3,451
Magazines		1,395
Total circulation		4,846

Magazines:

Gifts:

Jack and Jill—from Miss Rand
Our Dumb Animals—from Mrs. Packer
Story Parade, and Antiques—from State Library
Redbook—Mrs. Richards
Liberty—Mrs. Tucker
"More Books"—Boston Public Library

Back numbers of Fortune from Mrs. Hawkins; Audubon Bulletins from Miss Ruth Shattuck; Common Ground, from Miss Rand; Ladies' Home Journals, from Mrs. Wiggin; Saturday Review of Literature, from Mrs. H. B. Hill.

Subscribed to by the Library:

American Home, Better Homes and Gardens, Cosmopolitan, Good Housekeeping, Ladies' Home Journal Open Road for Boys, Readers' Digest, Popular Science, Saturday Evening Post, Life, Time, Country Gentleman, Farm Journal, Scientific American, National Geographic, Yankee.

Bulletins and magazines regularly received from various sources: Troubadour, Health, Plane Talk, Soviet Russia, Polish Review, Netherlands, Belgium.

Books have been given to the Library by Mrs. Place, Miss Ada Bixby, Mrs. Gray, Mrs. Park, Miss Rand. Mrs. William Basset, Harley Park, Miss Rogers, Mrs. Cleaves, The Alliance, Mr. Kibrick, Miss Giles, Miss Bryant, Lt. Comdr. Seton S. Williams, Miss Ruth Shattuck, Mrs. Knowlton (from the Currier Gallery of Art), trustee of the Dr. J. E. Hoyt-Stevens Estate, Butterfield Genealogy, and the State Library.

A special fund was given anonymously to the librarian to be spent for any favored reference material, the books to be in memory of Miss Julia Sample. This twenty-dollar fund was stretched as far as possible in the direction of Colonial Fine Arts. Any similar moneys lying around unclaimed could be happily used in the same and other directions.

Here is a list of the requests from readers received by the librarian during the past two and one-half years:

Porcelain marks, Dolly Madison and early American Art, portrait painting, Alaska, braided rugs, What bird is that? (several times), local history, herbs, French prints, nursing, Italy, beavers, Southwestern States, horses, planes, social science topics, "adventure like Osa

Johnson's," French herb cookery, income tax laws, Latin America, sculpture, amateur chemistry, cattle stories, Iceland, current events for dramatics, psychology, swimming, color mixing in painting, dry bouquets, table service, government of N.H., humorous farm poetry, early glass making, English architecture, art of American Indians, Spanish coins, old American clocks, topographical maps, ironweed, poison ivy cures, American poetry, care of salamanders, What plant is this? (several times), practical use of faith, South American race statistics, dramatic make-up, early education of women, history of juvenile delinquency, ferns, one-act plays, ploughing methods, hockey and baseball, early automobile engines, snakes, square dances, sailboats, Mormons, public speaking, indoor games, shorthand, parliamentary law, corn smut, how to make bird houses, mink farming, red snappers, goats, tax laws, biology, French readers, old glass, Spanish grammar, early history of an Italian hospital, how to make candles in a mould, tree identification, latest divorce statistics, dog stories, hobbies for invalids, nut-growing in the U. S., famous queens, early New England architecture, art and music appreciation; many requests for special biographies and other types of literature; flower gardens in the shade, child training, hanging gardens, careers for girls, Brazil, cloisonne, Persian art, Mayan art.

Much of this material had to be supplied from the State and other libraries, and many private books were circulated without record which would considerably increase the number of books of non-fiction used. Nearly all requests were filled.

More birds' nests have been added to our collection; also containers for them. Many people have loaned material for the occasional exhibits. The Library has also acquired a bear trap from William A. Lord.

During the summer we held an art exhibit that was a

special credit to our local artists and a pleasure to all who saw it. There were paintings by Mrs. Brous, Mrs. Kunhardt, Miss Hirst, Mr. Bourne; modern American and Belgian paintings loaned by Mrs. Boyle, sculpture by Mr. Bourne, photographs by Arnold Bailey of New York City; American antiques loaned by Mrs. Avery, Latin-American fine art loaned by Mrs. W. A. Lord, Montenegrin costume loaned by Miss Rand, Dutch shoes loaned by Ann and Jane Basset, Oriental shawl loaned by Mrs. Blanchard. If anyone has original work to lend for next summer's exhibit, please notify the Library.

During Art Week in November there were exhibited copies of paintings by Rembrandt whose work so well harmonizes with late autumn; paintings by Maxwell Parrish because he is a New Hampshire artist and has illustrated children's books which were also exhibited; paintings and book illustrations by N. C. Wyeth whose death occurred recently.

Seventeen new books for the children were bought and exhibited during Children's Book Week.

The Service Album is still enjoyed and will be brought up to date as fast as pictures and information are received. This material will be a permanent possession of the Library.

In May the two main rooms and hall were painted and papered; this renovation has been a delight to those who use the library and to strangers who pass by the open door.

To the Trustees and all who have made the work of the year so interesting, by their favors and cooperation, I am more than grateful.

Respectfully submitted,

CAROLINE M. LORD,
Librarian.

DIVISION OF MUNICIPAL ACCOUNTING

STATE TAX COMMISSION

Concord, New Hampshire

September 25, 1945

Board of Selectmen,

Francestown, New Hampshire

Gentlemen:

Submitted herewith is the report of an audit and examination of the accounts of the Town of Francestown which has been made by the Division of Municipal Accounting of the State Tax Commission, in accordance with the vote of your annual town meeting in March 1945. This audit covered the period from August 1, 1944 to August 27, 1945. The report has been made in two sections, the first covering the fiscal year ended December 31, 1944, and the second the period from January 1st to August 27th, 1945. Exhibits and Schedules as hereafter listed are included as part of the report.

Scope of Audit

Included in the examination and audit were the accounts and records of the Board of Selectmen, Treasurer, Tax Collector, Town Clerk, Road Agent and Trustees of the Trust Funds.

Financial Statements

Comparative Balance Sheets

January 31, 1944—December 31, 1944:

(Exhibit I)

Balance Sheets as of January 31, 1944 and December 31, 1944, as revised, are presented in Exhibit I. The following changes were made in the Balance Sheet of December 31, 1944, as originally reported:

Assets

(1) Cash in hands of Road Agent—$129.61—Included.

(2) Capital Reserve Fund for Post War Roads—$300.00 Eliminated as this was part of Treasurer's balance.

(3) Bounties due from State—$107.50. This includes 1943 account, $51.50, and 1944, $56.00.

(4) Unredeemed Taxes (Schedule D)—Amount for 1943 levy increased to $153.91. Following accounts also included:

Levy of 1942 —	$89.99
Levy of 1941 —	147.11
Previous Years —	231.73

(5) Uncollected Taxes—Balance of 1944 levy reduced to $1,766.76 (Schedule C)

No uncollected balance on account of the levy of 1943 (Schedule C-1).

Uncollected balance of $4.25 on the 1942 Warrant account (Schedule C-2).

Liabilities

(1) Special Poll Taxes due State when Collected—increase to	$111.00	(Sch. C)
Special Poll Taxes collected—not remitted to State Treasurer	60.00	
	$171.00	

(2) Dog License due School District—This item of $82.20 eliminated because the amount expended for Dog Damage exceeded the amount received for licenses.

(3) Appropriation balance due School District—Reduced to $2,502.00. (Exh. II)

(4) Due Tax Collector—on account of overpayment to Treasurer on 1943 Warrant—$5.94. (Schedule C-1)

(5) Town Road Aid—Unexpended balance in Town treasury, $710.20, set up as a liability. This is made up as follows:

Balance from 1942 — $ 1.43
Appropriation 1943 — 354.20
Appropriation 1944 — 354.57 (Exhibit II)

(6) Town History—This appropriation of $300.00 made for a specific purpose was unexpended and is therefore shown as a liability. (Exh. II)

(7) Capital Reserve Fund—This item of $300.00 included as a liability to offset similar amount included as part of the treasurer's balance. (ExhibitII)

Surplus

As a result of these changes a Net Surplus of $2,997.32, is indicated as of December 31, 1944. The Net Surplus on January 31, 1944, amounted to $2,094.31, consequently a gain in Surplus of $903.01 was made during the year.

Comparative Statements of Appropriations and Expenditures Estimated and Actual Revenues:

(Exhibits II & III)

Comparative statements of appropriations and expenditures and estimated and actual revenues for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1944, are presented in Exhibits II and III. As indicated by the budget summary, a net unexpended balance of appropriations of $719.27, plus an excess of actual over estimated revenues of $231.04, resulted in a net budget surplus of $90.31.

Audit Procedure

The accounts and records of all town officials charged with the custody, receipt and disbursement of public funds were examined and audited. Vouchers and cancelled checks were compared with supporting invoices

and payrolls as well as entries in the books of record. Receipts were checked by source and totals of receipts and expenditures verified. Proof of the Treasurer's balance as of August 27, 1945, is indicated in Schedule H.

Tax Accounts

The tax warrants of Collector Mills for the levies of 1945, 1944, 1943 and 1942, were audited. Summaries of the Collector's warrant accounts as of December 31, 1944, are included in Schedules C, C-1 and C-2, and as of August 27, 1945, in Schedules J and J-1.

Examination of the tax sale accounts was likewise made. A summary showing the activity in the tax sale accounts is presented in Schedule D. This also includes the list of unredeemed taxes.

Town Clerk

The accounts of Town Clerk C. M. Lord for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1944, and the period from January 1 to March 31, 1945; and the accounts of Town Clerk M. A. Caskie for the period from April 1 to August 26, 1945, were examined and audited. All funds received by the two Town Clerks on account of the issuance of motor vehicle permits and dog licenses were properly accounted for. Summaries of these accounts appear in Schedules E, K and K-1.

Road Agent

The checks issued by the Road Agent to highway employees for labor performed and to vendors for materials and supplies purchased were examined.

A summarized statement of the Road Agent's account as of August 27, 1945, is presented in Schedule L. It will be noted that on this date a balance of $139.32 should have remained in the account. The reconciled bank

balance of like date, however, actually amounted to $60.01. The difference of $79.31, should be restored to the account by the Road Agent at once.

It is also recommended that the present practise of advancing highway funds in lump sum amounts be discontinued. In place thereof payments should be made to the Road Agent only on presentation of regular payrolls and such payments to be for the actual amount of the payrolls. The town checks would be deposited in the Road Agent's account as is now done and he would then issue his checks to employees and vendors.

In order that the Road Agent may be prepared to meet emergency payments after the new system becomes effective it is suggested that a Petty Cash Fund of $100.00 be advanced to him which should immediately be deposited in his regular account at the bank. Payments from this fund should be confined strictly to the following cases:

(1) When it becomes necessary to make immediate payment to an employee between regular payroll periods.

(2) When it is necessary to make immediate payment in order to obtain materials and supplies which are sent C. O. D.

Such items either on account of labor or materials should be included on the next payroll issued. In this way any funds drawn from the $100.00 Petty Cash Account would always be restored when the Road Agent received and deposited the check for the next regular payroll.

Trust Funds

The principal and unexpended income of the Cemetery, Educational and Library Funds, was verified by an examination of the savings bank books. Summarized statements of Trust Fund Principal, Income and Investments, are included in Schedules G and G-1.

General Comments

In our audit report last year we suggested that more attention be given to the classification of expenditures under the proper accounts and eliminating the practise of making charges to a "miscellaneous" account. It was noted this year that our suggestion had been followed with the resulting improvement in the classification of accounts. Only a few minor changes in classification were made as a result of the audit. These are reflected in the Exhibits and Schedules.

The accounts and records of all town officials were found in good condition and the accounting procedure, with the exceptions as noted, conformed to the standard procedure prescribed by this Division.

The provisions of Section 31, Chapter 211, of the Laws of 1939, require that this report or a summary of its essential features shall be published in the next annual town report. This letter of transmittal should be included in its entirety but the inclusion of Exhibits and Schedules is optional.

We extend our thanks to the officials of the Town of Francestown for their assistance during the course of the audit.

Yours very truly,

HAROLD G. FOWLER, *Director.*
Division of Municipal Accounting
State Tax Commission.

L. B. CHANDLER,
A. W. JUWEL,
Auditors.

DIVISION OF MUNICIPAL ACCOUNTING
STATE TAX COMMISSION

Concord, New Hampshire

September 25, 1945

Certificate of Audit

This is to certify that we have audited the accounts and records of the Town of Francestown for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1944, and the period from January 1st to August 27th, 1945; and, subject to the exceptions noted in this report, found them to be in good order. In our opinion the Exhibits and Schedules included herewith set forth the financial condition of the town, together with the results of operations for the year ended December 31, 1944.

Respectfully submitted,

HAROLD G. FOWLER, *Director.*
Division of Municipal Accounting
State Tax Commission.

L. B. CHANDLER,
A. W. JUWEL,
Auditors.

FRANCESTOWN IMPROVEMENT SOCIETY

This Society is composed of full time and part time residents of the town who are willing to give time and effort for one objective—to make Francestown a better town to live in. Membership is open to all residents for small annual dues. All decisions and appropriations are made by vote after open discussion in the meetings. Requests and suggestions for action are always welcome and fully considered.

To raise funds for its varied activities the Society for many years has sponsored and managed a Labor Day Carnival. This is looked forward to by the residents and many visitors from nearby towns. It represents much planning and a great deal of work by all those who take part. Traditionally, it was opened by a full scale parade, but with transportation difficulties, a band concert and children's parade have taken its place. The many booths in the horse sheds provide active amusement and the opportunity to seek out bargains. Oak Hill Grange has cooperated by having an open exhibition in the Town Hall. In the evening there is a large dance which has been very popular.

The proceeds of this Carnival, which has increased from $260 in 1942 to $366 in 1945 have been voted upon in October. In 1945 $65 went to U.S.O., $40 to Red Cross, $45 to Christmas boxes for service men and women, $10 to Christmas boxes for children, $48 to new books for Bixby Memorial Library. This left $158 to add to the reserve fund to be appropriated for special objectives, when labor and materials are available. The Society has helped the town in many ways—water supply for fire

protection by rebuilding the upper dam and acquiring the surrounding land, paying light bills for Library, erecting Honor Roll for Service Men on common, upkeep of grounds around the common, painting the horse sheds, paying part of cost of new flagpole and making contributions for other worth while projects.

This year the Society has deeded to the town the china, silver, chairs, tables and all equipment which it has purchased and owns and which is now in the Town Hall. This represents a considerable gift and it is hoped the town will appoint a responsible custodian for its care.

The officers of the Society would welcome more new members, particularly those who have a real interest in making the town a better place to live in and are willing to do their part. At present we have fifty-three active members.

CARL G. FREESE, *President*
ERNEST L. JOHNSON, *Vice President*
ROBERT C. CUTTER, *Treasurer*
MRS. E. L. JOHNSON, *Secretary*

January, 1946

SCHOOL DISTRICT OFFICERS

		Term Expires
Moderator	Mr. Ernest L. Johnson	March, 1946
Clerk	Mrs. Frances H. Smith, resigned	March, 1946
	Mrs. Lillian C. Stewart, appointed	
Treasurer	Mrs. Frances H. Smith, resigned	June, 1946
	Mrs. Lillian C. Steward, appointed	
Auditor	Mr. Ernest L. Johnson	March, 1946
School Board:		
	Mrs. Winnifred C. Hoyt	March, 1946
	Mrs. Gladys St. John	March, 1947
	Mrs. Doris Basset	March, 1948
Superintendent:		
	Vernon S. Ames, Wilton, N. H.	
Grammar	Miss Clara S. Ouellet	
Primary	Miss Barbara Butler	

SCHOOL CALENDAR

1945-1946:

January 7 to March 15	10 weeks
April 1 to June 14	11 weeks

Holidays: February 22, May 30

March vacation dates subject to change.

1946-1947:

September 4 to November 26	12 weeks
December 2 to December 20	3 weeks
January 6 to March 21	11 weeks
April 7 to June 13	10 weeks

Holiday: May 30.

SCHOOL DISTRICT WARRANT

Ending December 31, 1945

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the Inhabitants of the School district in the town of Francestown qualified to vote in district affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said district on the 12th day of March 1946, at 3:00 o'clock in the afternoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose a Moderator for the coming year.

2. To choose a Clerk for the ensuing year.

3. To choose a Member of the School Board for the ensuing three years.

4. To choose a Treasurer for the ensuing year.

5. To determine and appoint the salaries of the School Board and Truant Officer, and fix the compensation of any other officers or agent of the district.

6. To hear the reports of Agents, Auditors, Committees, or Officers chosen, and pass any vote relating thereto.

7. To choose Agents, Auditors and Committees in relation to any subject embraced in this warrant.

8. To see if the district will vote to make any alteration in the amount of money required to be assessed for the ensuing year for the support of public schools and

the payment of the statutory obligations of the district, as determined by the school board in its annual report.

9. To see if the district will vote to petition the State Tax Commission to have an audit made by the Municipal Accounting Division, and to make an appropriation to cover the expense of such audit.

10. To see if the district will vote to raise the sum of $250.00 to provide for a part time music teacher.

Given under our hands at said Francestown this 22nd day of February 1946.

WINNIFRED C. HOYT,
C. GLADYS ST. JOHN,
DORIS C. BASSET,
School Board

A true copy of Warrant—Attest:

WINNIFRED C. HOYT,
C. GLADYS ST. JOHN,
DORIS C. BASSET,
School Board

FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE FRANCESTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT

For the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 1944 and Ending June 30, 1945

Receipts

Received from Selectmen—balance of 1944—1945 appropriation	$6,002.00
Received from Lyndeborough School District	144.00
Received from State Treasurer—State Aid	
1943-1944	661.35
1944-1945	610.14
Received from Mrs. Pettee (Fund for Painting)	35.00
Total Receipts	$7,452.49
Cash on hand July 1, 1944	151.40
Grand Total	$7,603.49

Payments

Administration:	
Salaries of District Officers	$118.00
Superintendent's excess salary	144.51
Truant Officer and school census	10.00
Expenses of administration	143.55
Instruction:	
Principal's and teachers' salaries	2,200.00
Text books	71.59
Scholars' supplies	131.26
Other expenses of instruction	12.87

Operation and Maintenance of School Plant:		
Janitor service	307.20	
Fuel	255.98	
Water, light, janitor supplies	129.25	
Minor repairs and expenses	71.06	
Auxiliary Agencies and Special Activities:		
Medical Inspection	112.13	
Transportation of pupils	1,570.20	
High School Tuition	1,192.51	
Other special activities	4.05	
Fixed Charges:		
Per Capita Tax	120.00	
Insurance	75.00	
Outlay for Construction:		
New Equipment	43.91	
Debt, Interest and other charges:		
Payments of principal on debt	500.00	
Payments of interest on debt	145.00	
Payments of bills from previous year	6.70	
Total payments for all purposes		$7,364.77
Cash on hand June 30, 1945		239.12
Grand Total		$7,603.89

DETAILED STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS

Administration

Salaries of District Officers

Doris C. Basset—salary as school board member	$40.00
C. Gladys St. John—salary as school board member	25.00

Winnifred C. Hoyt—salary as school board member	25.00	
Frances H. Smith—salary as clerk	3.00	
Frances H. Smith—salary as treasurer	20.00	
Ernest L. Johnson—services as auditor	5.00	
		$118.00

Superintendent's Excess Salary

Louise M. Joslin—treasurer of Supervisory Union No. 63	$144.51	

Truant Officers and School Census

Doris C. Basset	$10.00	

Expenses of Administration

Supervisory Union No. 63	$94.12	
G. A. Reynolds—bond for school treasurer	10.00	
Edson C. Eastman Co.	27.97	
Vernon S. Ames	1.39	
William Basset, Jr. 2 trips to Wilton	6.00	
Frances H. Smith—postage and telephone	4.07	
		$143.55

Instruction

Principal's and Teachers' Salaries

Clara S Ouellet	$1.052.00	
Barbara Butler	892.00	
	$1,944.00	
Collector of Internal Revenue	256.00	
		$2,200.00

Text Books

The L. W. Singer Co.	$31.50	
Row Peterson & Co.	6.60	
The Arlo Publishing Co.	6.17	
Beckley-Cardy Co.	5.00	
Scott Foresman & Co.	21.85	
Vernon S. Ames	.47	
		$71.59

Scholars' Supplies

J. L. Hammett Co.	$25.07	
Edward E. Babb	33.71	
Gledhill Bros. Inc.	20.11	
Scott Foresman	14.47	
J. B. Lippincott	2.17	
Laidlaw Bros.	10.99	
Junior Scholastic	9.10	
American Education Press	10.00	
Vernon S. Ames	5.64	
		$131.26

Other Expenses of Instruction

Supervisory Union No. 63	$7.84	
O. H. Toothaker	4.13	
Otis L. Wakefield	.90	
		$12.87

Operation and Maintenance of School Plant

Janitor Service:

Forest Nichols	$307.20

Fuel

S. M. Chamberlain—wood	$4.00	
Merrimack Farmers Exchange	66.36	
Draper Fuel Co.	185.62	
		$255.98

Water, Light and Janitor Supplies

Public Service Co. of N. H.	$40.20	
C. F. Clark—water	35.00	
Charles Shepard	2.09	
Vernon S. Ames	2.78	
Doris Basset	1.95	
West Disinfecting Co.	8.75	
F. H. Colburn & Co.	38.48	
		$129.25

Minor Repairs and Expenses

Frank Dunn	$4.25	
Wilton Lumber Co.	11.16	
Ernest T. Broderick	52.65	
Arthur Lord	3.00	
		$71.06

Auxiliary Agencies and Special Activities

Medical Inspection:	
Margaret E. Harris	$112.13

Transportation of Pupils

Arthur Lord	$728.00	
Frank Jones	842.20	
		$1,570.20

High School Tuition

City of Manchester	$100.00	
School District of New Boston	1,092.51	
		$1,192.51

Other Special Activities

Edward E. Babb and Co.	$4.05

Fixed Charges

Insurance:	
Levi Bixby	$75.00
Per Capita Tax:	
F. Gordon Kimball, treas.	$120.00

Outlay for Construction and Equipment

New Equipment:		
J. L. Hammett Co.	$18.10	
O. H. Toothaker	8.57	
Denoyer Geppert Co.	17.24	
		$43.91

Debt Service

Payment on principal of Debt:		
Souhegan National Bank	$500.00	
Payment on Interest:		
Souhegan National Bank	145.00	
		$645.00
Old Bills:		
Collector of Internal Revenue		6.70

Respectfully submitted,

WINNIFRED C. HOYT,
C. GLADYS ST. JOHN,
DORIS C. BASSET,

AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that I have examined the accounts of the Francestown School District and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

ERNEST L. JOHNSON,
Auditor.

FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE FRANCESTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT

For the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1945

Cash in the bank July 1, 1944	$151.40	
Received from Selectmen:		
1944-1945 Appropriations	6,002.00	
Received from State Treasurer:		
State Aid 1943-1944	661.35	
State Aid 1944-1945	610.14	
Received from Lyndeboro School District:		
Tuition	144.00	
Received from Fred A. Pettee:		
Painting fund	35.00	
Total amount available for fiscal year		$7,603.89
Less School Board orders paid		7,364.77
Balance in bank June 30, 1945		$239.12

Respectfully submitted,

FRANCIS H. SMITH,
District Treasurer

SCHOOL BOARD'S ESTIMATE FOR 1946-1947

School District of Francestown

School Board's statement of amounts required to support public schools and meet other statutory obligations of the district for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1946.

Detailed Statement of Expenditures:

Support of Schools:

Teachers' salaries	$2,800.00	
Textbooks	75.00	
Scholars' supplies	120.00	
Flags and appurtenances	10.00	
Other expenses of instruction	20.00	
Janitor service	285.00	
Fuel	200.00	
Water, light and janitors' supplies	100.00	
Minor repairs and expenses	75.00	
Health supervision (medical inspection)	130.00	
Transportation of pupils	1,900.00	
Other special activities	5.00	
		$5,720 00

Other Statutory Requirements:

Salaries of District Officers (fixed by District)	$116.00
Truant Officer and School Census (fixed by District)	10.00

Superintendent's Excess Salary (fixed by Supervisory Union)	160.00	
Payment of tuition in High Schools and Academies (estimated by Board)	1,150.00	
Expenses of Administration	240.00	
Per capita tax (reported by State Treasurer)	106.00	
Insurance	75.00	
Payment of debt	500.00	
Payment of interest on debt	140.00	
		$2,497.00
Total amount required to meet School Board's Budget		$8,217.00

Estimated Income of District:

Elementary Tuition	$108.00	
Dog tax (estimated)	100.00	
State Aid (estimated)	400.00	
		$608 00
Assessment required to balance School Board's Budget		$7,609.00

WINNIFRED C. HOYT,
C. GLADYS ST. JOHN,
DORIS BASSETT,
School Board.

REPORT OF SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT

To the School Board and Citizens of Francestown:

I respectfully submit my twelfth annual report as Superintendent of Schools.

A year ago I called your attention to the increasing costs of public schools, and made the statements that money expended for sound education is not to be regarded as a burdensome cost but as a productive investment; that the greatest waste we can make is to spend too little on education; and that every community should plan its budget with a view to making its schools as effective as possible.

Today the greatest hindrance to effective schools is the lack of a sufficient number of well qualified teachers. Contrary to the supposition that the ending of the war and the cessation of war industries would release a great many teachers to resume their profession, it has resulted, rather, in the case of women teachers, in a demand to be released from teaching by many whose husbands are discharged from the service. It is true that more men teachers are available as a result of the demobilization, but the great majority of teachers are women.

280,000 teachers in the United States left the profession during the war because they could not live on the salaries they were receiving. Some 80,000 emergency teachers with inferior qualifications have come in; thousands of positions have been abolished; class rooms have been crowded; and there are still around 10,000 unfilled teaching positions. The number of people training to become teachers dropped 60% during the war

period. The schools of the Nation are confronted with a most critical situation which can only be remedied by making the teaching profession more attractive to young people, and that means, primarily, higher salaries.

According to the latest compilation of annual average salaries by states, twenty-two of the forty-eight states were paying higher average salaries than New Hampshire. In other words country-wide average salaries are about the same as New Hampshire is paying. Our near neighbors to the South are paying from one-half to two-thirds as much again in salaries, and the average salary in New York State is nearly double that in New Hampshire. It is only natural that we should lose many of our best teachers.

A tabulation of salaries paid to *Elementary* teachers in New Hampshire this year shows that:

In the sixty-three small towns with less than 600 population the lowest salary paid is $1,000, but only sixteen towns are paying less than $1,200; eleven towns are paying from $1,400 to $1,500; the five towns of this Supervisory Union that fall in this population group (Francestown, Greenfield, Lyndeborough, Mason and Temple) are paying from $1,200 to $1,350.

The fifty-two towns in the population range from 600 to 1,000, including New Ipswich, are paying from $1,000 to $1,850.

The twenty-nine towns with populations from 1,000 to 1,500, including Greenville, are paying from $1,100 to $1,900.

The twenty-six towns including Wilton in the population range from 1,500 to 2,500 are paying from $1,000 to $2,200 per year for elementary teachers.

Many of the smaller towns find it difficult to raise the money to pay higher salaries, but until the State Legislature appropriates more money for State Aid than it has done in the past, there seems to be no other way to

secure well qualified teachers, or indeed any teacher at all for some positions. Most teachers will take a position that involves a single grade or at most two grades rather than several grades, which makes it doubly hard to secure teachers for rural schools.

Last year's budget estimate of $2,400 for teachers' salaries was not sufficient. Without definite knowledge as to salaries we shall have to pay next year, we are estimating that it may take as much as $2,800. We believe there will be additional transportation next year and estimate the cost at $1,900. These two items account for the increase of some $500 in the items listed as "Support of Schools." The important changes in the estimates for items under "Other Statutory Requirements" are a reduction of $250 in the amount of high school tuition and an increase of $125 in "Expenses of Administration," $100 of which is required to pay the School District's assessment under the Teacher Retirement Act, as amended at the last Legislature, which requires every School District to pay in to the Retirement Fund each year 4% of the salaries of the teachers of the previous year who were members of the Retirement Association.

These, with a few minor changes in several items, make a net increase in the amount required for the whole budget of $389. The income from elementary tuition will apparently be reduced by $36 (1 pupil) and the State Aid is roughly estimated at $400 in the absence of any information from the State office as to what it will actually be. If this information is available at the time of the March meeting this item can then be corrected and the assessment required to balance the budget, which is now estimated at $7,609, can also be changed accordingly.

The special article in the warrant is inserted in order that the voters may determine whether or not to employ a music teacher next year. The estimated cost is $250 which is not included in the regular budget. Many

schools do have a special music teacher and it means a great deal to the children to have this special instruction in music.

I believe a plan of successive steps should be outlined for making further improvements in the school property. The ceiling was insulated last fall and should show a saving in fuel year by year. Other desirable projects might include the following:

1. Erection of a suitable playground fence along the property lines adjoining the school lot either side of the building.

2. Filling in the old cellar hole immediately in the rear of the school building and grading it for a playground for the small children.

3. Placing a line of culvert pipe of suitable size to carry the brook and fill and grade above that to improve the playground beyond the brook.

4. When the playground has been improved, new playground apparatus should be provided, including swings and teeter boards.

5. A few bits of shrubbery in suitable places on the front lawn and a low hedge of Privet or Barberry next the street would add to the attractiveness of the school property.

It is expected that new seating equipment for both class rooms will be provided without cost to the School District as soon as they are available on the market.

Respectfully submitted,

VERNON S. AMES,

Superintendent of Schools.

February 1, 1946

STATISTICS FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1945

Grades	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Total
Primary	12	5	3	5					25
Grammar					4	3	6	7	20
									45

Elsewhere: New Boston High School 11
Manchester High School 1

Attendance

SCHOOL	Average Membership	Average Attendance	Percent of Attendance	Tardinesses Total	Tardinesses Per-Pupil
Primary	23.52	21.95	93.32	60	2.40
Grammar	18.78	17.88	95.25	53	2.65
	42.30	39.83	94.16	113	2.51

State Averages:

Visits:

By School Board Members	12
By Superintendent	64
By Citizens	54

Roll of Perfect Attendance

Two Consecutive Years: Hazel Murdo
One Year: Ann Basset, Lydia Murdo, Jane Basset
Two Terms: Charles Champagne, Gale Smith, Stephanie Creighton, Clayton Foote, Florence Foote, Eleanor Hoyt

One Term: William Champagne, Carolyn Foote, Lucille Foote, Arthur Merrill, Barbara Stearns, George St. John, Violet Cilley, Robert Foote, Lawrence Abbott, James Champagne, Beverly Champagne, Bradford Cleaves, Thomas Curren.

Statistics for First Eighteen Weeks 1945-1946

Census (Ages 5-16) Boys, 26; Girls, 19; Total, 45

In Francestown School	39
In New Boston High School	10
In Peterborough High School	1

ENROLLMENT BY GRADES

School	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Total
Primary	7	7	5	3					22
Grammar					5	5	3	4	17

ATTENDANCE

SCHOOL	Average Membership	Average Attendance	Percent of Attendance	Tardiness
Primary	21.00	19.97	95.11	39
Grammar	15.97	14.71	92.11	43

* Of the 82 tardinesses recorded 72 were caused by delay of the school bus and these do not prevent a pupil from receiving a Certificate of Perfect Attendance.

REPORT OF SCHOOL NURSE

My report of the health work for 1945 follows:

Number of pupils examined Dec. 1945	37
Number with defective vision	4
Number with defective teeth	19
Number with symptoms of diseased tonsils	10
Number with skin diseases	2
Number with nose defects	6
Number with enlarged glands	2
Number with pediculosis (taken care of)	10

Number of Defects Treated during 1945.

Number of dental cases treated by family dentist	7
Number of dental cases treated by Dr. Grimes, at a School Dental Clinic, April 1945	26
Number with defective vision fitted to glasses	5
Number of pupils hearing tested with Audiometer	26
Number of school visits	42
Number of eye tests	44
Number of home visits	19
Number of classroom inspections	15

First Aid Kit refilled.

Respectfully submitted

MARGARET E. HARRIS, R. N.

Report of the Trust Funds, Town of Francestown, N. H., Year Ending December 31, 1945

Date of Creation	Name of Trust Fund and Purpose of Creation	How Invested	Amount of Principal	Rate of Interest	Balance of Income at beginning of year	Income during Year	Expended during Year	Balance of Income at end of year
1852	Levi Woodbury Educational Fund	Amoskeag Savings Bank	$1,000.00	2%	$54.51	$20.74	$38.36	$36.89
1896	Jennie Bradford Cemetery Fund	Amoskeag Savings Bank	351.70	2	115.58	9.38	.....	124.96
1909	Ebenezer Pettee Cemetery Fund	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	2	23.24	2.47	.....	25.71
1913	Richard Stanley Cemetery Fund	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	2	18.73	2.37	.....	21.10
1915	William Boyd Cemetery Fund	Manchester Savings Bank	150.00	2½	42.70	4.84	.....	47.54
1915	Issacher Dodge Cemetery Fund	Manchester Savings Bank	50.00	2½	3.92	1.34	.....	5.26
1916	Ephraim & Chas. Morgan Cemetery Fund	Manchester Savings Bank	100.00	2½	11.86	2.80	.....	14.66
1916	Mary C. Abbott Cemetery Fund	Manchester Savings Bank	75.00	2½	5.68	2.01	.....	7.69
1916	Mary A. Bixby Cemetery Fund	Manchester Savings Bank	100.00	2½	8.79	2.73	.....	11.52
1917	Nancy M. Danforth Cemetery Fund	Manchester Savings Bank	100.00	2½	8.96	2.72	.75	10.93
1917	Maria H. Balch Cemetery Fund	Manchester Savings Bank	200.00	2½	24.89	5.64	.....	30.53
1918	Almeda Felch Cemetery Fund	Manchester Savings Bank	100.00	2½	10 17	2.77	.....	12.94
1918	Daniel Ordway Cemetery Fund	Manchester Savings Bank	50.00	2½	3.96	1.34	.....	5.30
1920	Jessie F. Osborne Cemetery Fund	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	2	10.33	2.21	.....	12.54
1921	Henry H. Lynch Cemetery Fund	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	2	8.53	2.16	.75	9.94
1922	Mary D. Roper Cemetery Fund	Amoskeag Savings Bank	300.00	2	30.29	6.63	1.50	35.42
1922	L. Ann Weston Cemetery Fund	Amoskeag Savings Bank	50.00	2	4.19	1.08	.....	5.27
1922	Eva M. Farmer Cemetery Fund	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	2	7.83	2.15	.....	9.98
1923	Daniel W. Duncklee Cemetery Fund	Amoskeag Savings Bank	75.00	2	6.51	1.63	.....	8.14
1924	Unknown Dead Memorial Cemetery Fund	Amoskeag Savings Bank	50.00	2	2.91	1.05	.50	3.46
1925	Moses Jellison Cemetery Fund	Manchester Savings Bank	100.00	2½	6 82	2.68	.....	9.50
1925	Mark Dean Cemetery Fund	Amoskeag Savings Bank	50.00	2	3.33	1.06	.....	4.39
1925	Reuben Sawyer & Garvin Sleeper Cemetery Fund	Manchester Savings Bank	100.00	2½	7.72	2.70	.....	10.42
1927	George F. Holt Cemetery Fund	Manchester Savings Bank	200.00	2½	24.08	5.62	1.00	28.70
1927	Clara Dean Cemetery Fund	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	2	8.73	2.17	.....	10.90
1928	Vilana A. Clark Cemetery Fund	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	2	11.94	2.24	.....	14.18
1928	Moses B. Fisher Cemetery Fund	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	2	8.85	2.17	.....	11.02
1929	Ordway & Snell Cemetery Fund	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	2	8.31	2.17	.....	10.48
1929	Anna P. Fairbanks Cemetery Fund	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	2	9.11	2.19	.....	11.30

1929	Mary J. Boynton Cemetery Fund	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	2	8.86	2.17	.....	11.03
1929	Benjamin Dean Cemetery Fund	Amoskeag Savings Bank	50.00	2	3.93	1.07	.....	5.00
1930	Georgiana Felch Cemetery Fund	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	2	7.82	2.15	.....	9.97
1931	Jennie G. Dodge Cemetery Fund	Manchester Savings Bank	150.00	2½	13.72	4.10	.....	17.82
1931	Walter N. Maxfield Cemetery Fund	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	2	7.96	2.16	.....	10.12
1932	John A. Burnham Cemetery Fund	Manchester Savings Bank	150.00	2½	15.11	4.15	.....	19.26
1933	Sarah A. Hill Cemetery Fund	Manchester Savings Bank	50.00	2½	3.02	1.32	.....	4.34
1934	Addie L. Morse Cemetery Fund	Manchester Savings Bank	900.00	2½	116.02	25.54	3.00	138.56
1934	Frank Crosby Cemetery Fund	Amoskeag Savings Bank	150.00	2	14.65	3.30	1.00	16.95
1935	Willard Carter Cemetery Fund	Manchester Savings Bank	100.00	2½	10.89	2.78	.....	13.67
1935	John L. Epps Cemetery Fund	Manchester Savings Bank	100.00	2½	8.28	2.71	.....	10.99
1935	Willard Cemetery Fund	Manchester Savings Bank	100.00	2½	11.78	2.80	.....	14.58
1935	George E. Downes Cemetery Fund	Manchester Savings Bank	100.00	2½	8.30	2.71	.....	11.01
1936	Frank Robinson Cemetery Fund	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	2	7.04	2.15	.....	9.19
1936	Arthur G. Clark Cemetery Fund	Manchester Savings Bank	100.00	2½	6.55	2.67	.....	9.22
1936	Joseph Fitts Cemetery Fund	Manchester Savings Bank	200.00	2½	24.55	5.64	.....	30.19
1937	Samuel & Ephraim Fuller Cemetery Fund	Manchester Savings Bank	100.00	2½	7.30	2.68	1.75	8.23
1939	Fred Henderson Cemetery Fund	Manchester Savings Bank	100.00	2½	9.36	2.74	.....	12.10
1939	George F. Lowe Cemetery Fund	Manchester Savings Bank	100.00	2½	13.86	2.85	.....	16.71
1940	Sadie B. Balch Cemetery Fund	Amoskeag Savings Bank	82.58	2	8.23	1.81	.....	10.04
1941	Chas. H. Nichols Cemetery Fund	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	2	7.38	2.15	.....	9.53
1943	Edwin A. Terren Cemetery Fund	Amoskeag Savings Bank	50.00	2	1.14	1.02	.....	2.16
1943	Milton G. Starrett Cemetery Fund	Manchester Savings Bank	500.00	2½	18.98	13.04	1.00	31.02
1943	William Reed Sawyer Cemetery Fund	Manchester Savings Bank	150.00	2½	8.46	3.75	.75	11.46
1944	Lydia Burton Cemetery Fund	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	2	.67	2.01	.....	2.68
1944	Wilfred Brown Cemetery Fund	Amoskeag Savings Bank	200.00	2	.33	4.02	.....	4.35
1944	Joseph H. Chandler Cemetery Fund	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	2	.....	2.01	.....	2.01
1944	Amasa Downes Cemetery Fund	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	2	.....	1.83	.....	1.83
1945	Eva Smith Chandler Cemetery Fund	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	2	.....	1.67	.....	1.67
	George Holmes Bixby Memorial Library Fund	Amoskeag Savings Bank	1,025.00	2	.....	20.50	20.50	.....

This is to certify that the information contained in this report is complete and correct, to the best of our knowledge and belief.

RODNEY G. MILLS,
ARTHUR E. HOLT,
KATHLEEN F. JOHNSON,
Trustees.

Births Registered in the Town of Francestown, N. H., for the Year Ending December 31, 1945

Date of birth	Name of Child	Sex	Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother	Residence of Parents	Occupation of Father	Birthplace of Father	Birthplace of Mother
1945								
May 30	Dewine Lowell Larson, Jr. ..	M	Dewine Lowell Larson	Adeline Mae Creighton	Francestown	Soldier	Radcliff, Iowa	Francestown, N. H.
June 4	Jerry Florette Cilley	M	Carl Edgar Cilley	Mary Dana Bailey ..	Francestown	Caretaker ..	Dublin, N. H.	Francestown, N. H
July 13	Gerald William Bunker	M	Donald Arthur Bunker	Grace Lord	Francestown	Machinist ...	Malden, Mass.	Francestown, N. H
July 21	Phyllis Irene Clark	F	Andrew William Clark	Mary J. Murdough ..	Francestown	Poultry Farmer	Calais, Maine	Hollis, N. H. .....
Aug. 5	Marcia Bixby	F	Thomas Edward Bixby	Joan Avery	Francestown	Machinist	Francestown, N. H.	Winchester, Mass. ..
Oct. 28	Dennis Warren Mudge	M	Howard Lester Mudge	Barbara June Leland	Francestown	U. S. Navy	Goffstown, N. H. ...	New Boston, N. H.
Nov. 16	Patricia Ann Ostler	F	Donald Warren Ostler	Gertrude I. Foote ..	Francestown	U. S. Army .	Chelsea, Mass	Roxbury, Mass. ....

I hereby certify that the above return is correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

MARY D. CASKIE, *Town Clerk.*

Marriages Registered in the Town of Francestown, N. H., for the Year Ending December 31, 1945

Place & Date of Marriage	Name and Surname of Groom and Bride	Residence of each at time of Marriage	Age	Occupation	Place of Birth of Each	Names of Parents	Birthplace of Parents	Name and Residence of Person by Whom Married
1945 July 2 Antrim, N.H.	Alman Alaric Baldwin	Hancock	74	Retired	Jaffrey, N. H	John E. Baldwin ...	Dublin, N. H.	Harrison L. Packard, Clergyman
						Harriet Elmira Peirce	Dublin, N. H.	
	Minnie Mabel Tobie .	Francestown	78	Retired	Francestown, N. H.	Daniel B. Tobie ...	Springfield, N. H. ..	
						Marie C. Sleeper ..	Quincy, Mass.	
Nov. 3 Milford, N.H.	James Francis Sliney .	Mt. Vernon .	30	Farmer	Somerville, Mass.	Mary E. Grant	St. John, Canada ..	Fr. Quirk, Catholic Priest ..
						Bernard Leo Sliney	St. John, Canada ..	
	Ruth Myrtle Nichols .	Francestown	23	At home	Francestown, N. H.	Forest E. Nichols .	Moores, N. Y	
						Edith M. Nason ...	Kentuskeag, Maine .	

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Deaths Registered in the Town of Francestown, N. H., for the Year Ending December 31, 1945

Date	Name and Surname of Deceased	Years	Months	Days	Place of Birth	Sex	S M or W	Occupation	Place of Birth: Father	Place of Birth: Mother	Name of Father	Name of Mother
1945												
Mar. 16	Carrie May Merrill	72	4	23	Antrim, N. H. ..	F	M	Housewife ..	Antrim, N. H.	Mt. Vernon,	Freeman Holt ..	Emeline Smith ..
July 4	Charles E. Hall, Jr.	9	3	7	Belmont, Mass. .	M	S	Student	Medford, Mass.	Boston, Mass. .	Charles E. Hall	Phyllis E. Hall .
Oct. 7	Charles W. Forsaith	82	1	3	Deering, N. H. .	M	S	Nurse	Deering, N. H	Deering, N. H	Mathew Forsaith	Elzira Wikins ...
Nov. 18	William M. Stone	60	9	3	Francestown ...	M	M	Laborer .. .	Canada	Canada	Henry Stone ...	Josie Bergeron .

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